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- b) What was the softest?
- c) How many human voices did you hear? How many machines?
- d) What was the most beautiful sound you heard?
- e) What was the ugliest?
- f) If you could, what would you change about the soundscape around you?
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